

# Appropriations Request

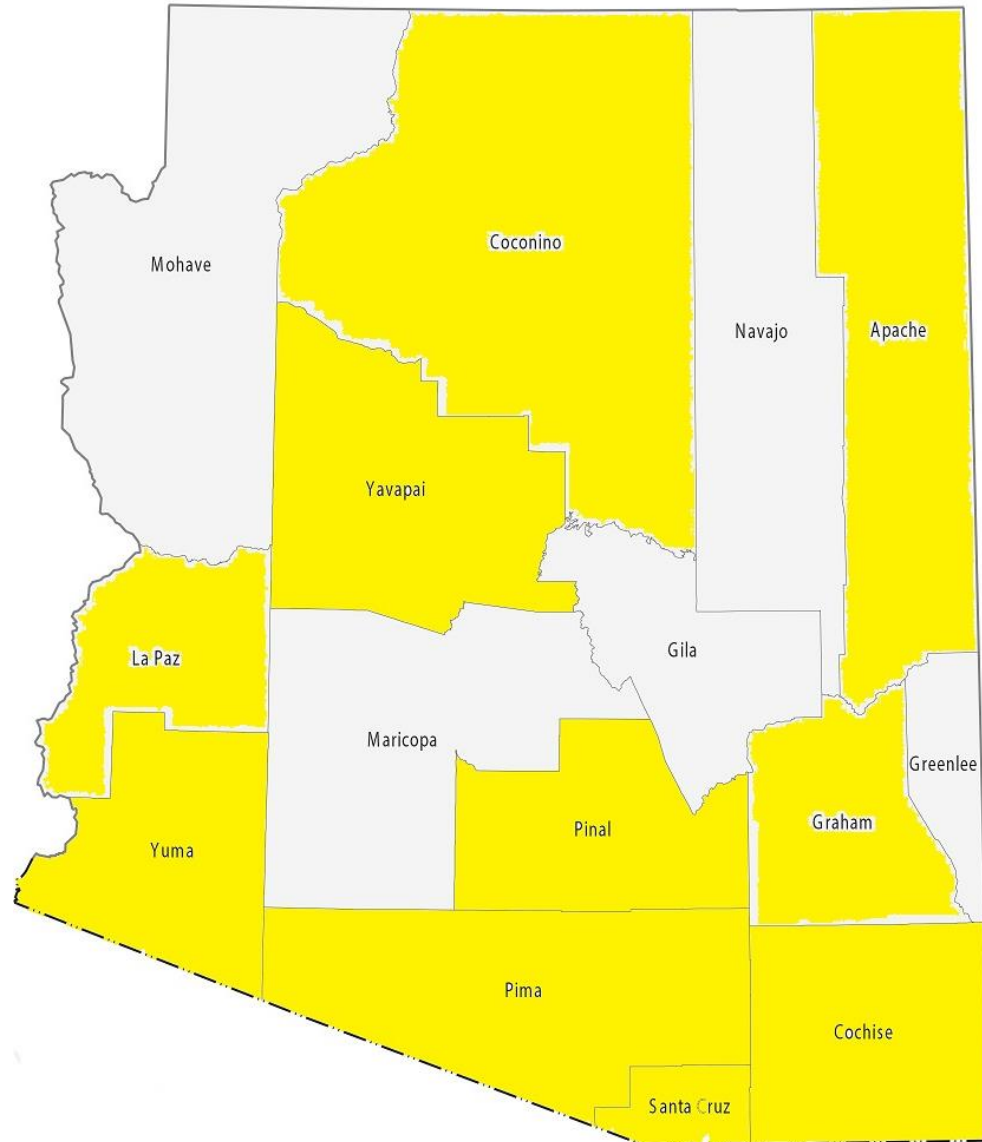
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Fiscal Accountability

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# 3 Priorities

- To support the counties that run our elections
- To protect our voting systems from attack by foreign & non-state actors
- To strengthen Arizona's economy



## 10 out of 15 Counties Have Lost Top Elections Officials

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- Republicans, Democrats and Independents
- Threats of violence and intimidation a daily reality for elections workers throughout state, and nation
- Counties run our elections and they need our support

\$16.50 an hour  
6 months

- The average hourly wage and tenure for non-managerial employees at our [Business Services Department](#)
- Entrusted with making decisions on millions of dollars in investments in Arizona's economy



#### Trade Names and Trademarks

Register a Trade Name, Trademark, or a Slogan



#### Notary Public

A notary public witnesses signatures, verifies identities of signers, and must be impartial.



#### Apostille and Document Authentication

Apostilles are notarized or certified documents by a public official that are going to a Foreign country only.



#### Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)

Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") establishes a standard for recording liens across the country. The Secretary of State processes liens which protect financial interests on, for example, consumer goods or commercial equipment.



#### Partnerships

The Arizona Secretary of State files limited partnerships for the state of Arizona. Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 29 governs the filing and recording of limited partnerships.



#### Other Services

Veterans Charities Organizations, Telephonic Sellers, Professional Employer Organizations

# Funding We Are Asking For:

- Critical Election Workforce – Add critically needed positions to support counties
- Physical & Cyber Security Infrastructure – Security detail for the Secretary, protect SOS & counties from IT vulnerabilities, create Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) position
- Business Services Enhancement – Professionalize staff in charge of making decisions on millions in job-creating investment
- Voter Information Effort – Allow us to use already allocated Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funding to help counties get the word out about Presidential Preference Election, less than a year away
- Address Confidentiality Program – Stabilize revenue stream to keep our promises to victims

# Critical Election Workforce

## Helping counties get the job done

- Provide Much Needed Support & Training for Counties
  - 6 FTEs
- Campaign Finance, Lobbyist Registration, Public Records Requests, and Legal/Compliance
  - 4 FTEs
- Upgrade IT Systems
  - Legislatively mandated changes to AVID
  - Campaign Finance Reporting Platform
  - Lobbyist Registration and Reporting

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$1,166,500	\$ 500,000	

# Physical & Cyber Security

Elections infrastructure is critical infrastructure

- Create election Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) position
  - 1 FTE
- Cyber security and PEN study
- Identify and correct vulnerabilities to attack
- Publicly accessible election window at 2nd Floor of Executive Tower
- Security detail for Secretary (specifics TBD)

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$1,037,600	\$450,000	

# Business Services Enhancement

Improving Arizona business connections

- Business One Stop (B1S) = Provides a single online location to plan and start business registration & licensing
  - AZ Corp Comm
  - AZ Dept. of Revenue
  - AZ SOS
- B1S relies on SOS Business Services Division
  - IT infrastructure improvement needed to realize vision of B1S
  - Professionalize and lower turnover by increasing salaries for 11 FTEs

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$110,000	\$250,000	



# Voter Information Effort

Helping counties get the word out

- Federal Helping America Vote Act (HAVA) funds are available to Arizona but must be appropriated to:
  - Educate voters statewide about changes to election process—many of which are being proposed by Legislature
  - Get word out about rules on Presidential Preference Election, now less than a year away
- All counties—especially rural counties—need help

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
		\$3,000,000

# Address Confidentiality Program

Keep our commitment to victims

- Need for stable funding for statutorily-mandated program to protect victims
- Recent loss of federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding
- Additionally, OSPB Budget calls for elimination of fines that help fund program

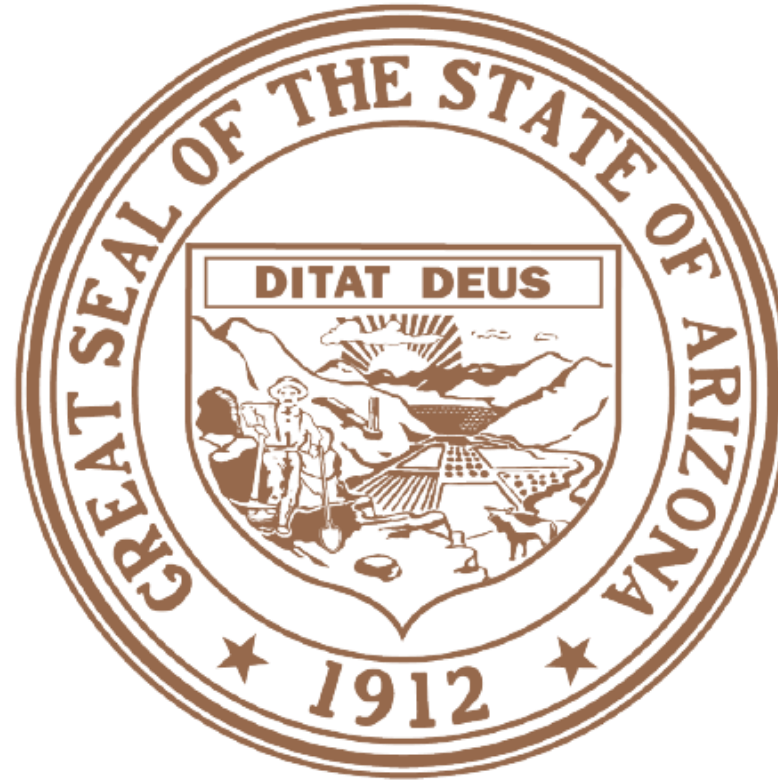
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\$250,000		

# Other Top Priorities

- Presidential Preference Election – \*FY24 supplemental issue
- Talking Book Library for the blind, people with low vision & other disabilities
  - Running out of donation funds, need stable funding source to remain open
- Library & Archives
  - Building Feasibility Study needed to research cost of space to meet present & future needs
- Budget Analyst to maximize & efficiently manage federal funding
- Professional Employer Organization Registry
  - Passed in 2005
  - Industry requesting delayed implementation to July 1, 2024; SOS to work on all-digital platform

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$155,000	\$300,000	

Thank you



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